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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2854

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Bing R. HSIEH et al.

Group Art Unit: 2854

Application No.: 09/683,536

Examiner: R. YAN

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For: COPIER OR SCANNER PLATEN COVER WITH FLOURESCENT COATING

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 13, 2005 Final Rejection, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-10 and 13-23 are pending herein.

I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

A. Seachman in view of Shibahara

Claims 1, 8, 10, 18 and 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,790,211 (hereinafter "Seachman") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0028475 (hereinafter "Shibahara"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of background, claim 1 recites a document imaging background member for an imaging device, comprising a substrate having a dark color and wherein at least a portion